

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

- (1) Paragraph 0001 of the specification has been amended as follows:

-- [0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent [Application Serial No. 09/040,113, filed on March 17, 1998] No. 6,181,294, entitled "Antenna For Electric Meter And Method of Manufacture Thereof" to Lawrence R. Porter, *et al.*, which is incorporated herein by reference. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

- (1) Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

-- 1. (Amended) For use with an electric meter chassis having a dielectric housing protruding therefrom, an antenna for allowing electric meter circuitry located in a circuit board rack within said chassis to communicate wirelessly through said dielectric housing, comprising:

a wireless communication circuit couplable to said electric meter circuitry; and

an antenna element located within said dielectric housing proximate said circuit board rack, said antenna element coupled to said wireless communication circuit. --